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Summer Preview

## Abstract Studios

Collecting the first five issues of the series, ***Terry Moore's Echo Volume One: Silver Rain*** adds Moore's development sketches and design notes for the series. (Aug)

## A First Salvo

In a dark future where capitalism has taken the place of government, there is no police force, there are only mercenaries and they aren't very honest—in most cases. The heroine of the new series ***Contract***, Jessie Garrett, bucks that trend in her quest for fair and honest justice... if she lives long enough... (Jul)

## AIT/Planetlar

*Adam Beechen & Manny Bello* combine two of America's greatest pastimes—baseball and prison drama—to create ***Dugout***, the story of a team that is so bad off that their only hope is to break their star pitcher out of prison. But they'll need a good plan, and what better plan than to stage an exhibition game at the prison. (Jul)

## Amaze Ink/Slave Labor Graphics

It's not easy being the best babysitter in the world, having to fly all around the world at the drop of a hat to take care of children and their problems, let alone deal with all the problems of being a teenager in Japan—you know, giant robots, giant monsters, crazy science, etc. ***The Babysitter*** is *Andy Ristaino's* new graphic novel spotlighting about Japan as only a completely uninformed and rather stupid American could see it. (Aug)

Two new stories are showcased in ***Chumble Spuzz Volume Two: Pigeon Man and Death Sings the Blues***. *Ethan Nicolle* brings Gunther and Klem back for more tales that are amazingly offbeat, but nonetheless fun. (Jul)

World War II vet Joe Halliday leads the good life, with his own place and great friends. Then, the mob moves in and wants protection money. Big mistake. *Mark Murphy's* ***Tiki Joe Mysteries Volume One: High Stakes*** is classic noir murder mystery with a fair share of hard-boiled thriller mixed in for fun. (Jul)

## Anarchy Studios/Harris Comics

***Vampirella: Crimson Chronicles Maximum*** is a 400+ page trade paperback reprint collecting the original thirty-seven issue run of ***Vampirella*** by Archie Goodwin, Jose Gonzalez and many others. (Aug)

## Antarctic Press

What do you do after saving the world and bringing a monster to justice? Go back and do it again tomorrow, just like you have for the last 5000 years. ***Fire and Brimstone*** is *Richard Moore's* latest comic series, focusing on an angel and a demon who have been tasked with gathering up all of the monsters they accidentally let loose on the Earth a few millennia ago. And frankly, they're getting a little sick of their job, and each other. (Jul-Aug)

Spotlighting two characters from the long-running series, ***Gold Digger: Tiffany and Charlotte*** is a four-issue limited series that has the youthful duo running through their own unique set of adventures, courtesy of series creator *Fred Perry* and artist *J.L. Anderson*. (Jun-Aug)

The battle has moved from the seas to the land to the most dangerous arena of them all: politics. ***Pirates vs. Ninjas For President*** is the new one-shot that finalizes the debate of who would win in a fight by—of all things—debating. (Jul)

## Ape Entertainment

The hero of the revolution returns! ***The Black Coat 48-Page Special***, by *Ben Lichius & Gabriel Hardman*, features the first full-color Black Coat story. (Jul)

Long-time comic creator *Joe Staton* is back, and he's brought a beautiful blonde with him. Joining Staton are *Christopher Mills & Mark Stegbauer*, who present ***Femme Noir: The Dark City Diaries***. Port Nocturne is a city with a dark underside, but this blonde bombshell is ready to make a difference and save the day, in classic pulp-style heroic adventure. (Jun-Aug)

## Arcana Studio

In the latest trial of the century, detective LJ McCloud is trying to put together the pieces of a puzzle that don't go together well. ***Tales of Penance: Trial of the Century*** focuses on a court case about a superhero seen murdering a supervillain, and the public outcry that arises from the situation. If that is the situation at all... (Jul-Aug)

## Archaia Studios Press

Priests and vampires have a special relationship in popular myth, and ***The Bond of Saint Marcel*** takes that relationship to the next level. It seems that a certain order of priests has the ability to enslave vampires to fight on the side of good, and young Kat Johnstone just found out that she's inherited the responsibility—assuming she lives long enough to use it. Writer *Jennifer Quintenz* is joined by Eisner nominated artist *Christian Gossett* for this five-issue limited series. (Jul)

Dripping with gothy goodness, ***The God Machine*** is the new five-issue limited series by *Chandra Free*. It seems that young Guy Salvatore's girlfriend Sith has recently passed away, and things have gotten a little odd since then—not the least of which is the sudden ability to see gods walking about and the odd promise to him that his girlfriend might not really be dead after all. (Aug)

## Ardden Entertainment

He'll save every one of us! ***Flash Gordon*** returns in a new ongoing series that combines the concepts of *Alex Raymond's* original series with contemporary ideals, updating the classic for a new audience. Olympic athlete Flash Gordon is recruited by CIA agent Dale Arden to find the whereabouts of scientist Hans Zarkov, who is suspected of creating weapons of mass destruction, and all of this leads them to Mongo and Ming the Merciful. (Aug)

## Aspen

Back in a new series at last, ***Fathom #1*** reunites Aspen Matthews, Chance Calloway, Killian, Kiani and the whole surface world as they all head towards a battle for the fate of both the Blue and the surface dwellers. *J.T. Krul, Ale Garza, & Sal Regla* unite to bring these adventures to life on a monthly basis. (Aug)

## Avatar Press

*Garth Ennis* just can't stop himself from creating new comics. ***Crossed*** is the new ten-part series (running from issue #0 through #9) that explores the depths of evil that humans are capable of reaching. And after they reach the bottom of the barrel, things *really* get bad. (Aug)

A new addition to the Apparat line, ***Warren Ellis' Astheric Mechanics*** is a graphic novella set in 1907 that pits British scientist Sax Raker against a mysterious killer as the city itself prepares for an impending war. (Jul)

## Big City Comics

You know it's a bad day when your girlfriend dumps you. You know it's a really bad day when the world is overtaken by zombies. ***Zombie-Sama*** is *Billy Tucci, John Broglia, & George Kambadais's* new one-shot about a sushi delivery boy who becomes a small town's only hope for survival. (Jul)

## Bluewater Productions

Fighting for freedom at the dawn of America, ***Pistolfist*** is the new four-issue series about a Revolutionary War hero who is willing to die for his country. The fact that he is a runaway slave who has to hide his identity only makes things a little more complicated. (Jul-Aug)

Based on the story by Jules Verne, ***Ray Harryhausen Presents: Back to Mysterious Island*** brings back both the island and Captain Nemo—this time to threaten the world of 2008. (Jul-Aug)

Ret Romanne was a test pilot with the future ahead of him, including an up and coming starlet for a girlfriend. Now, he's just another guy and his ex-girlfriend works at a local diner, all thanks to a mysterious crash during one of his flights. A new four-issue series, ***Ret Romanne*** is part science-fiction epic and part noir adventure, all under the guidance of creator *Alan Brooks*. (Aug)

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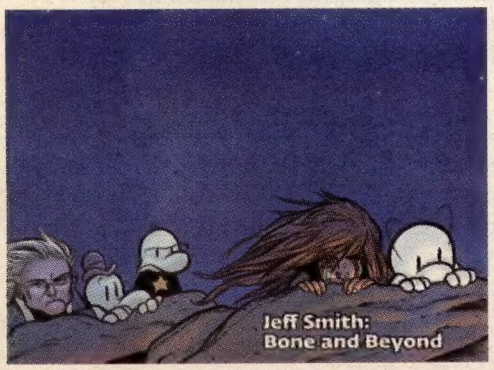
## Boom! Studios

A sub has sunk to the bottom of the Marianas Trench, and to make matters worse, they have landed on a bed of methane ice, and any violent action could lead to global disaster. *Andrew Cosby* & *Marcelo Mueller* team for ***Challenger Deep***, a science-fiction adventure series. (Jul-Aug)

Writer *William Messner-Loebs* ventures into territory Lovecraftean with the new ***Necronomicon*** four-issue limited series. This comic explores the origins of the fabled book, and how it being opened will soon expand to the entire Boom universe. (Aug)




## Cartoon Books

***Jeff Smith: Bone and Beyond*** is the new overview of *Jeff Smith's* career, showcasing his work not only on ***Bone***, but also more recent works such as ***Shazam!*** and ***Rasl***. (Aug)

## Catastrophic Comics

*William Katt*, star of ***Greatest American Hero***, has created his own line of comics, and the first effort is ***Sparks***. Described as a super-hero noir thriller, pitting a new hero against the most dangerous villain in the country—with very dangerous results. (Jun-Jul)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## Chimaera Studios

You know it's got to be good if the bad guy uses something called The Chaos Rhombus. ***Consortium of Justice*** is the foundation for the new Chimaera Hero Universe, creating an interwoven series of heroic adventures beginning with this team book. (Jul-Aug)

An Egyptian god returned to Earth is the star of ***Wargod***. The character from ***Consortium of Justice*** gets his own comic as he fights to save the world from the evil god Sutekh. (Jul-Aug)

## Dark Horse

The quirky art of *Tony Millionaire* is spotlighted in the appropriately entitled ***The Art of Tony Millionaire,*** a 200-page full-color oversized hardcover featuring illustrations, comics, stories, photographs, and more. (Aug)

It's been more thana decade since *Bernie Wrightson's* stunning illustrated version of *Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley's* seminal horror novel last saw print—but Dark Horse is set to remedy that with the release of ***Bernie Wrightson's Frankenstein,*** a lavish 240-page 9" x 12" hardcover edition featuring the full text of Shelley's novel along with all 47 fine-line illustrations that Wrightson prepared to accompany that text. (October)

*Mike Mignola* enlists the aid of veteran artist *Herb Trimpe* in ***BPRD: War on Frogs #1,*** the first of four oneshots set before the events of ***The Black Flame.*** (Jun)

*Mike Mignola* joins with co-writer *John Arcudi* and artist *Guy Davis* to present the five-part ***BPRD: The Warning,*** in which a slew of old enemies—from frog creatures, to the Black Flame, to the last remnants of Hyperborea—menace the Bureau from all sides in a catastrophic escalation to Armageddon. (Jul-Aug)

*Joss Whedon* returns as writer of ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer*** with #16—and he brings the future slayer Fray along with him as Buffy suddenly finds herself transported to an unknown world, and into the path of future Slayer Fray. (Jul-Aug)

Conan heads back home in ***Conan the Cimmerian #1,*** the kickoff issue of the new series by *Tim Truman & Tomas Giorello*, with additional art by *Richard Corben* and a variant cover by comics legend *Joe Kubert*. (Jul)

*Adam Warren* continues the misadventures of the badly-named, poorly-costumed heroine in ***Empowered Volume Four.*** (Aug)

*Steve Niles & Nick Stakal* follow a framed Cal McDonald as he's tossed in lockup in ***Criminal Macabre: Cell Block 666,*** a four-issue limited series. (Jul)

Coinciding with his appearance in the upcoming film ***Hellboy II: The Golden Army,*** Johan Krauss also stars in ***BPRD: The Ectoplasmic Man,*** a oneshot by *Mike Mignola, John Arcudi, & Ben Stenbeck.* (Jun)

*Mike Mignola & Richard Corben* follow Hellboy into the mountains of West Virginia in ***Hellboy: The Crooked Man,*** a three-part miniseries. (Jul)

What if you had a magical superpower and... it hated your guts? That's the problem that confronts Matt Blurdy in ***The Helm;*** a four-part miniseries by *Jim Hardison & Bart Sears.* (Jul-Aug)

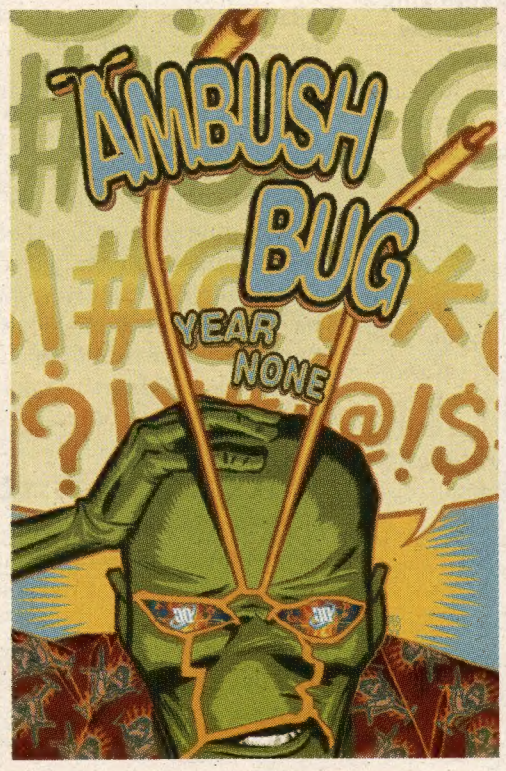
Dr. Henry Jones Jr. is back in action in ***Indiana Jones & the Tomb of the Gods,*** a new series by *Rob Williams & Steve Scott* that features all the usual trappings: globe-hopping adventure, archeological wonders, strange artifacts, and evil Nazis. (Jun-Aug)

The new motion picture and television series is the inspiration for ***Star Wars: The Clone Wars Volume One—Shipyards of Doom,*** the kickoff of a new quarterly graphic novella series by *Henry Gilroy* and *Matt & Shawn Fillbach.* (Aug)

## DC

*Geoff Johns & Gary Frank* kick off the next major Superman story arc, "Brainiac," in ***Action Comics #866.*** (Jun-Aug)

The Bug is back—and so is the original creative team of *Keith Giffen, Robert Loren Fleming, & Al Milgrom!* In ***Ambush Bug: Year None,*** there's zany fun galore as the Bug pokes fun at pretty much every superhero tradition. (Jul-Aug)




Fresh from her appearances in ***Batman and the Outsiders,*** Cassandra Cain graduates to her own series in July, courtesy of *Adam Beechen, Jim Calafiore, & Jonathan Glapion.* The six-part ***Batgirl*** will take Cassandra on a personal journey to conquer her inner demons and prove herself to the rest of the world. (Jul-Aug)

***Batman #678-680*** continue *Grant Morrison, Tony Daniel, & Sandu Florea's* "Batman R.I.P." as Robin and Damian team up to search for the missing Batman. (Jun-Aug)

*Mike Kunkel* presents an all-ages look at the life of Billy Batson in ***Billy Batson & the Magic of Shazam!,*** the newest addition to the Johnny DC line of young-reader-friendly comics... but veteran fans are going to love this one, too! (Jul-Aug0

Think Booster Gold is the greatest time-travelling hero in the DCU? Then you haven't met Peter Platinum, venturer from the year 1,000,000 AD... but you will, in ***Booster Gold #1,000,000*** by *Geoff Johns, Jeff Katz, Dan Jurgens, & Norm Rapmund.* (Jul)

Guest writer *Chuck Dixon* joins artists *Dan Jurgens & Norm Rapmund* into the Timestream to tell a tale of Booster and Batman in ***Booster Gold #11.*** (Aug)

*Brad Meltzer & Adam Kubert* offer readers an introspective look at DC's mightiest heroes preparing for the ultimate battle in ***DC Universe: Last Will & Testament,*** a 48-page oneshot. It's the day before you die. What would you do? (AUG)

Not only is ***Detective #846*** a "Batman R.I.P." tie-in, it also kicks off the five-part "Return of Hush" by *Paul Dini, Dustin Nguyen, & Derek Fridolfs.* (Jul)

Batman missing in action! Superman immobilized! Green Lantern on trial for his life! A shadow is falling across Earth's super heroes — and now it's Wonder Woman's turn to face the Evil Gods in ***Final Crisis #3*** by *Grant Morrison & J.G. Jones.* (Jul)

*Grant Morrison & J.G. Jones'* ***Final Crisis*** takes a break in August—but you don't have to go ***Final Crisis***-less, thanks to ***Final Crisis #1: Director's Cut Special,*** which reprints the first issue, adding an analysis of the issue and revelations regarding secrets hidden in the script and art. (Aug)

*Geoff Johns, George Pérez, & Scott Koblish* pit the Legion of Super-Heroes against a twisted mirror image of the boy of steel from a long-dead parallel Earth in ***Final Crisis: Legion of Three Worlds,*** a five-issue miniseries. The Time Trapper has found the ultimate weapon to carry out his plan—Superboy-Prime! Who will answer the Legion's call for help? (Aug)

Someone important is about to meet his demise in ***Final Crisis***—and the DCU says goodbye in ***Final Crisis: Requiem*** by *Peter Tomasi, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy,* as the Justice League shares a final memory during their efforts to carry out his last wishes. (Jul-Aug)

*Greg Rucka & Philip Tan* unleash the wrath of God in ***Final Crisis: Revelations,*** a five-issue limited series. With the end of creation nigh, Crispus Allen must embrace his role as The Spectre by exacting God's vengeance on some of the DC Universe's most vile sinners. (Aug)

*Geoff Johns & Scott Kolins* take a look at the dark side of ***Final Crisis*** in ***Final Crisis: Rogues' Revenge.*** After the murder of Bart Allen. Captain Cold & the Rogues have become what they never set out to be – wanted! But just as they try to disappear underground, good, old-fashioned revenge yanks them back. (Jul-Aug)

To save the woman he loves, the greatest hero of all time becomes the pawn of ultra-dimensional forces in ***Final Crisis: Superman Beyond,*** a two-part series by *Grant Morrison, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy.* It begins when a wounded emissary from a world of doomed super gods comes to Earth to recruit Superman's help against an epic, reality-spanning menace that originated in the ***Crisis on Infinite Earths***. The mission takes the Man of Steel and his alternate-earth counterparts on a voyage to the edge of the DC Universe — and beyond! (Aug)

*Jim Starlin* supplies both the story and the art for ***Hawkman Special #1,*** a 40-page oneshot that spins out of the events of ***Rann/Thanagar: Holy War.*** (Aug)

The Joker plays storyteller in ***The Joker's Asylum,*** a five-book weekly series of oneshots spotlighting Batman's greatest villains... and each issue is narrated by the Joker himself! The event includes ***The Joker's Asylum: The Joker*** by *Arvid Nelson & Alex Sanchez;* ***The Joker's Asylum: Penguin*** by *Jason Aaron & Jason Pearson;* ***The Joker's Asylum: Poison Ivy*** by *J.T. Krul & Guillem March;* ***The Joker's Asylum: Scarecrow*** by *Joe Harris & Juan Doe;* and ***The Joker's Asylum: Two-Face*** by *David Hine & Andy Clarke.* (Jul)

"Welcome to Earth-2!" *Geoff Johns & Jerry Ordway* reveal the significance of that title in ***Justice Society of America Annual #1.*** Power Girl has made a life for herself on the DCU... but she's never stopped dreaming of one day returning to her Earth. As her greatest wish comes true, Power Girl's about to find herself back on Earth-2, surrounded by friends she thought she'd lost forever. (Jul)

After far too long a wait, ***Manhunter*** returns in June with #31, courtesy of *Mark Andreyko* and new artist *Michael Gaydos.* (Jun-Aug)

Two-Face hits New York City in ***Nightwing #147,*** a "Batman R.I.P." tie-in by *Peter J. Tomasi, Don Kramer, & Sandu Florea* – but when he takes a bite out of the Big Apple, he finds it rotten to the core. (Aug)

The war for control of hell that was supposed to start in June has been pushed back to July—but *Keith Giffen, Tom Derenick, & Bill Sienkiewicz* will still be on hand to chronicle the conflict betwen Lord Satanus and Neron in ***Reign in Hell #1.*** (Aug)

*James Robinson* takes over as the new ongoing writer beginning with ***Superman #677,*** as changes abound in the life of the Man of Steel—and readers can look forward to closer links between ***Superman*** and ***Action.*** (Jun-Aug)

*Michael Green, Mike Johnson, & Ed Benes* present the untold tale of Thomas Wayne's meeting with Jor-El and how it shaped Gotham City's future in ***Superman/Batman #50.*** (Jul) Then the Man of Steel and the Dark Knight are shocked to discover little versions of themselves fighting a threat in Metropolis in ***Superman/Batman #51.*** (Aug)

Superstar artist *Mark Bagley* joins award-winning writer *Kurt Busiek* to launch ***Trinity,*** a year-long weekly series focusing on DC's Big Three—Superman, Batman, & Wonder woman. They're not the only heroes in this series: virtually every superhero in the DCU will make an appearance before it's all over. As the series begins, readers will discover a mysterious connections between several villains who are watching the Trinity... Each issue will feature a lead story by Busiek & Bagley, along with a related backup story by *Fabian Nicieza (*with art by *Scott McDaniel & Andy Owens, Tom Derenick & Wayne Faucher,* or *Mike Norton & Jerry Ordway)* focusing on some of the other important players in this major storyline. The first issue will include an extra eight pages of story and art at no additional charge. (Jun-Aug)

*Mark Sable, Jesus Saiz, & Jimmy Palmiotti* chronicle a district attorney's descent into twisted villainy in ***Two-Face Year One.*** (Jul)

## Wildstorm/DC

The Authority has survived the cataclysmic events following ***Number of the Beast*** — but just barely! Do they have a hope of rebuilding their "finer world," or is that hope dead and gone? Find out in ***The Authority: World's End #1*** by *Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, & Simon Coleby.* (Aug)

The NBC-TV espionage misadventure series makes its comics debut with the release of ***Chuck #1*** by *Peter Johnson* (series co-executive producer), *Zev Barow* (series writer), *Jeremy Haun, & Phil Noto.* (Jun-Aug)

***The Family Dynamic*** are defenders of Storm City who use their mystical Elemental Rings to battle the forces of evil. But what happens when members of their extended family want in on the superhero action? They say the family that plays together stays together – but does that count when they're playing the good guys? Find out in this six-issue miniseries by *J. Torres & Tim Levins.* (Aug)

Gen13 takes a major change in direction in ***Gen13: World's End #21*** by *Scott Beatty & Mike Huddleston.* After jumping through an I.O. teleportation device at the close of their last adventure, the Gen13 kids find themselves in a radically changed world that they never expected! (Aug)

Stormwatch PHD returns, post-***Number of the Beast,*** in ***Stormwatch PHD: World's End #13*** by *Ian Edginton & Leandro Fernandez.* Jackson King has once again resumed the role of Weatherman, taking StormWatch in a startling new direction! But what role does StormWatch have in this dramatic, deadly new world? (Aug)

In ***Storming Paradise,*** *Chuck Dixon & Butch Guice* offer an alternative view of the final days of WWII in a reality in which the Manhattan Project was a failure and America was forced to invade Japan in a bloody effort to overcome the last remaining Axis power. (Jul-Aug)

A new status quo is about to be unveiled in the Wildstorm Universe—and *Christos Gage, Neil Googe, & Trevor Hairsine*

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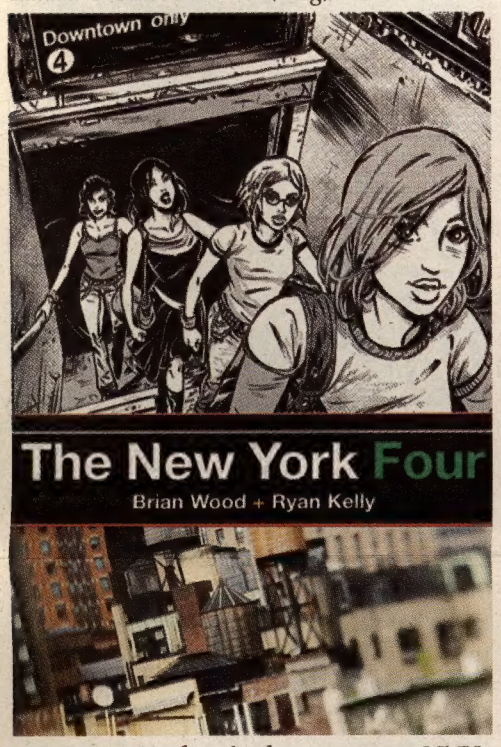
reveal all the details in ***Wildcats: World's End #1,*** bringing a unique new vision to the classic Wildcats team as they reunite the classic team with some surprising new members. (Jul-Aug)

Mulder and Scully are back in action in ***The X-Files Special #0,*** a previously untold story of ***X-Files'*** dynamic duo brought to you by the film's co-writer and producer *Frank Spotnitz,* with art by *Brian Denham.* (Aug)

## Minx/DC

A borrowed diary, a double life and identity issues fuel a teenager's quest to find herself before she cracks and commits social suicide. Watch Emi go from dull, suburban babysitter to eclectic urban art star in ***Emiko Superstar*** by *Mariko Tamaki & Steve Rolston. (Aug)*




Just starting her freshman year at NYU, Riley is about to find out what an adventure — and a mystery — living in New York City can be in ***The New York Four,*** an original graphic novel by *Brian Wood & Ryan Kelly.* (Jul)

The PLAIN Janes are back in ***Janes in Love,*** a new graphic novel by *Cecil Castellucci & Jim Rugg* in which the coolest clique of misfits ever plays Cupid and becomes entangled in affairs of the heart. (Aug)

## Vertigo/DC

*G. Willow Wilson & M.K. Perker* take readers on an unforgettable aerial excursion in ***Air #1,*** the 40-page debut issue of Vertigo's newest ongoing series. "***Air*** is about an acrophobic stewardess," Vertigo's *Karen Berger* explained. "It's a journey through the world and eventually through time and space in a search for a mysterious guy she fell in love with--he could be a terrorist, could be a spy, could be Greek, could be Arab, could be Jewish—and it all comes together around a plot of espionage and adventure." (Aug)

*Jonathan Ames & Dean Haspiel* offer a powerful, moving, and sometimes disturbing look at the life of an addicted writer in the semi-autobiographical graphic novel ***The Alcoholic.*** (Aug)

*Rick Veitch & Gary Erskine* continue this irreverent look at modern war in ***Army@Love: The Art of War #1,*** the kick-off of a six-part miniseries that follows the raucous misadventures of a group of U.S. soldiers fighting the war that the mass media keeps trying to characterize as unwinnable. (Aug)

*Bill Willingham, Mark Buckingham, & Steve Leialoha* have something really big planned for ***Fables #75***—and we don't have the slightest idea what it is. Vertigo promises that ***Fables*** will never be the same after this... and that someone dies... but you'll have to read the book to find out who, why, and how. (Jul)

*Simon Oliver & Goran Sudzuka* take a look at the life of cab driver Francis "Chas" Chandler, a member of John Constantine's supporting cast, in ***Hellblazer Presents: Chas—The Knowledge #1.*** (Jul-Aug)

*Matt Wagner* joins with artist *Amy Reeder Hadley* to kick off a new ongoing series focusing on one of DC's most enigmatic mystery women, ***Madame Xanadu.*** (Jun-Aug)

## CMX/DC

The ability to change the past might seem like a great gift... but it could come with unexpected consequences, as Kazuko discovers in ***The Girl Who Runs Through Time Volume 1*** by *Yasutaka Tsutsui & Gaku Tsugano.* (Aug)

## Desperado Publishing

Returning for a second series, the skeptical investigator finds himself in a whole new mess of trouble in ***Antoine Sharp, The Atheist Volume Two.*** *Phil Hester & Kevin Mellon* return for all-new mysteries and critical viewpoints aimed at the supernatural. (Jul-Aug)

A gruesome take on a classic fairy tale, ***Blue*** follows a shape-shifting woman on the run from her ex-boyfriend. (Jul)

Back in print after years, ***Detectives, Inc.: A Remembrance of Things Green*** by *Don McGregor & Marshall Rogers* sets the stage for the creators' forthcoming sequel. (Aug)

## Devil's Due Publishing

Based on the videogame from Capcom, ***Bionic Commando*** follows a former military soldier who is called back into duty to hunt down the other bionic soldiers that have turned against their government—possibly for the right reasons. (Aug)

From the creator of the television series ***Monster Garage*** comes ***Chopper Zombie.*** *Thom Beers, Todd Livingston, & Scott Keating* bring you the adventure of a young man who decides not to sell his innovative new fuel to the big corporation, and ends up dying for it—and in it, as he is drowned in the fuel. But the fuel has an unexpected side effect, as he comes back to seek revenge in this new graphic novel. (Aug)

Crossing over a killer girl with a bunch of girls named for killing themselves, ***Hack/Slash Annual: Suicide Girls*** take Cassie and Vlad to a photoshoot for the internet website, where the girls have become the target of a deadly killer given powers by a freak electric chair accident. (Jul)

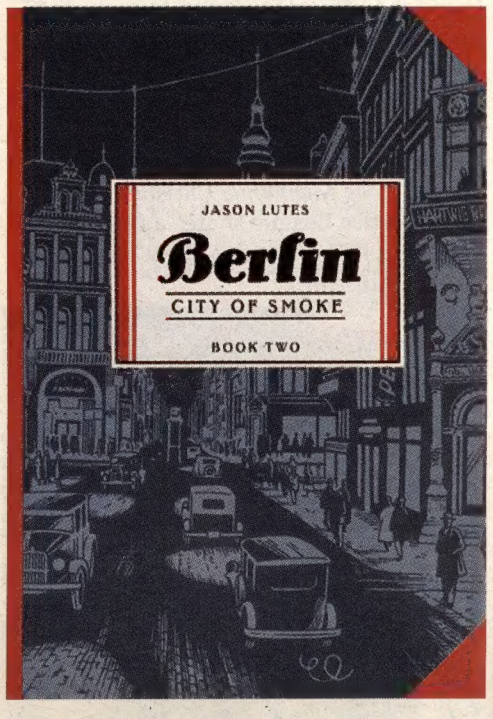
***Halloween: 30th Anniversary Special*** contains five original stories that take the reader back to the time of the original film, exploring unseen moments starring Michael Myers, Laurie Strode, and Dr. Loomis. (Aug)

When angels go rogue, you don't have another angel hunt them down, you turn to the other side. *Josh Blaylock & Matt Merhoff's* ***Mercy Sparx*** stars a Devil Girl that has been hired by heaven to take care of their mistakes, and possibly get a trip through the pearly gates for her effort. (Aug)

Most people look forward to getting a good night's sleep. Not so with John Barrett, the star of ***Rest,*** a new series by *Milo Ventimiglia* of ***Heroes*** fame; Barrett finds that once he has become addicted to a new drug that prevents him from sleeping his normal life becomes an adventure that he could never imagine. (Aug)

Claiming to be based on a true story, ***Serpo*** tells the story of twelve Americans that were chosen to travel to a distant planet by the government in 1965 to live among that society. (Aug)

From classic cartoon series to proposed new live-action feature film, ***Voltron: A Legend Forged*** is the new limited series that takes things back to the beginning for the giant cat-robot-warrior, and that's 1200 years in the past type beginning. But how does the current Voltron Force play a roll in that? Time will tell. (Jul-Aug)




## Drawn and Quarterly

*Jason Lutes* returns with ***Berlin Book Two: City of Smoke.*** This volume continues the saga of the people of Berlin in the days leading up to World War II, and the rise of the Nazi government. (Aug)

Following up the acclaimed graphic novel ***Exit Wounds,*** *Rutu Modan* presents ***Jamilti and Other Stories.*** This collection contains five years worth of work, and runs the gamut from serial killer mystery to a musician looking for his big break. (Aug)

One of the earliest English-language graphic novels. ***Gentleman Jim*** by *Raymond Briggs* deals with a man whose dissatisfaction in life leads him to a parade of adventures in new careers. (Jul)

## Dynamite Entertainment

If you are a big fan of ***The Boys***—and we mean a *big* fan—then you will want to reserve your copy of ***The Boys Definitive Edition.*** The first fourteen issues of the controversial series by *Garth Ennis & Darrick Robertson* are collected in a slip-cased, hardcover edition, complete with bonus artwork and the complete script for the first issue. (Aug)

## Fantagraphics Books

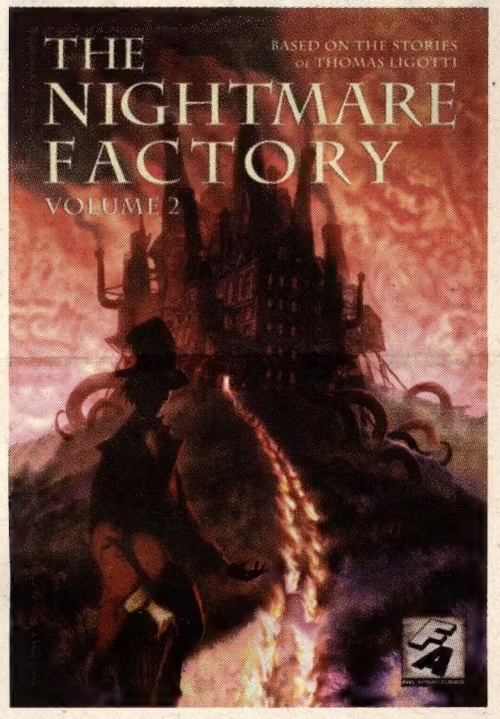
Kim and family are the talents behind ***Deitch's Pictorama,*** a "picto-fiction" work that combines comic-like material with prose to create a peek into the life of comic artist Kim Deitch. (Jul)

The eleven issue run of Harvey Kurtzman's satirical series ***Humbug*** is collected for the first time this summer. Shot primarily from the original artwork, this 400-page set is beautiful for fans of Kurtzman, as well as Jack Davis, Will Elder, Al Jaffee and Arnold Roth. (Jul)

Back with all new material, ***Love and Rockets: New Stories*** features work by all of *Los Bros Hernandez* in each annual issue. At a whopping 112 pages, each issue contains plenty of material, and the first issue alone contains a 50-page super-hero story by Jaime—that's right, a super-hero story. (Jul)

## First Second

It's always hard to follow in someone else's footsteps, but when you have to follow a world renowned acrobat and circus star, those are some might big shoes. *Eddie Campbell & Dan Best* present ***The Amazing Remarkable Monsieur Leotard,*** a new graphic novel that brings the daring young man on the flying trapeze to life. (Aug)




## Fox Atomic Comics

***The Nightmare Factory Volume Two*** is a new collection of *Thomas Ligotti's* stories adapted into comics by such talents as *Joe Harris, Stuart Moore, Bill Sienkiewicz,* and many others. (Aug)

## Great Big Comics

Avast! Epic adventure awaits in the pages of ***The Voyages of She Buccaneer,*** the new three issue limited series by Bill and *Heidi Hughes.* Part swashbuckle and part Sinbad, the first story arc takes the Captain and crew on a quest for the Foundation Stone of the Seven Seas. (Jul-Aug)

## Harper Collins Publishers

*Jill Thompson,* creator of ***Scary Godmother,*** is back with a new delightful story about being young and magical. ***Magic Trixie Volume One*** is about a young witch that doesn't get to use any of her parents magic stuff, and she has to compete with a werewolf, mummy and created monster that all can do tricks! What is she gonna do? (Jul)

*Neil Gaiman's* bestselling novel ***Coraline*** is adapted into a graphic novel courtesy of by *P. Craig Russell;* the book stars a young girl who finds another version of her house with magical toys and wondrous food, but the parents there are quite another matter. Now the young girl realizes that, as the saying goes, there is no place like home. (Jul)

Featuring almost 600 pages of material collected into a single volume, ***Zot! Volume One: The Complete Black and White Stories 1987-1991*** compiles *Scott McCloud's* cult classic. (Jul)

## IDW Publishing

***Ben Templesmith's The Art of Wormwood: Gentleman Corpse*** features 96 pages of art, including previously unpublished ideas, sketches and paintings, along with an original ***Wormwood*** short story. (Aug)

All of the various series are gathered together in ***The Complete Zombies vs. Robots*** trade paperback. This collection also includes the two prequel stories, along with a full cover gallery, pin-ups, and a new introductory story. (Aug)

Trapped in a museum dedicated to his life, The Doctor has discovered one thing is missing: his memory. ***Doctor Who: The Forgotten,*** by *Tony Lee & Pia Guerra,* gives the Doctor a chance to remember each of his previous incarnations. (Aug)

The discovery of a magic necklace leads Alexander Carter into the world of his childhood dreams, where things aren't always dreamy in *Scott Christian Sava* ***The Dreamland Chronicles.*** (Jul-Aug)

Striking while the iron is hot, ***Galaxy Quest: Global Warning*** is the first-ever comic tale based on the hit movie. The new ***Galaxy Quest: The Journey Continues*** television series is set to debut, but things aren't going too smooth, as Jason Neesmith and his crew have to save the Earth from a new crisis—or their careers might be dead forever! (Aug)

Collecting a diverse set of slice-of-life stories, each written by *Dara Naraghi* and illustrated by a different artist, ***Lifelike*** presents a varied look at life ranging from the sentimental to the shocking. (Aug)

Set just before the events of ***Angel: After the Fall, Spike: After the Fall*** shows how the vampire and Illyria came to team up and become the ruler of one section of Hell that they get to call their own. (Jul-Aug)

The baddest robot in town has decided that his new town is New York City. ***Transformers: All Hail Megatron*** is the new limited series that pits the Decepticon leader against the military, and that is after Megatron has already taken New York City as his own. (Jul-Aug)

Fans of the new animated series will be happy to see ***Transformers Animated: Arrival,*** the new series written by *Marty Isenberg,* lead writer for the show. (Aug)

Keeping the excitement of the live action movie going, ***Transformers Movie Prequel: Saga of the Allspark*** show not only how the Allspark made it to Earth, but how it was discovered and what the various Transformers had to go through to get here. (Jul-Aug)

Fan-favorite *Ben Templesmith* is the talent behind ***Welcome to Hoxford,*** a new horror series set in an unusual insane asylum. The patients at Hoxford are some of the craziest, most dangerous people in the world, but Dr. Jessica Ainley isn't giving up hope—even if she doesn't have access to her patients, and she can't find any records of any patient ever leaving the hospital. (Aug)

This isn't just a book about robots, this is a book about all-out war. ***World War Robot*** is the latest offering from Ashley Wood, where the few surviving humans are fighting for survival on Earth, the mon, and even Mars. (Jul)

## Image

*Claudio Sanchez & Tony Moore* continue "Coheed & Cambria Comix" with ***Amory Wars II,*** subtitled "The Second Stage Turbine Blade Part VI." (Jun-Aug)

This year's major Top Cow story arc, ***Broken Trinity,*** continues where last year's ***First Born*** left off. Then, a new life came into the Top Cow Universe; this year, an established character will die! (Jul-Aug)

*Phil Hester & Jorge Lucas* launch the first of three ***Broken Trinity*** tie-ins with ***Broken Trinity: The Darkness.*** (Aug)

Meet Chuck Amok, a down-and-out stage magician ,who is transported, along with his trusty rabbit Caesar, to a reality where magic actually works in ***Charlatan Ball,*** a new series by *Joe Casey & Andy Suriano.* (Jun-Aug)

The music of *Tori Amos* is the inspiration for the massive 12" X 12" ***Comic Book Tattoo,*** a comics anthology of stories based on Amos's music. This one is available in a trade paperback, a hardcover, and a special edition signed by *Tori Amos.* (Jul)

Following the discovery of a mysterious hidden planet in our solar system a series of horrible deaths occur at an isolated observatory, leading investigators to an alien plot that threatens all life on Earth by a guard of unstoppable ghostly alien creatures. Witness the plot unfold in ***Devoid of Life,*** an original graphic novel by *Raffaele Ienco. (Aug)*

A detective in *Dashiell Hammett's* San Francisco of 1939 investigates the disappearance of an heiress while struggling to hold his family together. In 1969, twin brothers find themselves on opposite sides of the law as the Summer of Love gives way to the death of the Sixties. In 1999, a marriage explodes in violence under the strain of unsatisfied greed as the dot-com bubble reaches the bursting point. What's the connection? Find out when you read ***Displaced Persons,*** an original graphic novel by *Derek McCulloch & Rantz A. Hosely. (Jun)*

*Steve Niles & Francesco Francavilla* continue Image's line of *Frank Frazetta*-inspired comics with ***Frank Frazetta's Dracula Meets the Wolf-Man,*** inspired by a classic Warren magazine cover. (Aug)

Those superpowered college frosh are back in ***Freshmen: Summer Vacation Special*** by *Seth Green, Hugh Sterbakov & Sheldon Mitchell.* The kids' summer vacation takes a bizarre twist when someone from their past rises from the dead to wreak havoc on Freese College—and it's all told through the sky-high eyes of the Intoxicator! (Jun)

The end times have been canceled, but some pockets of Hell didn't get the memo. Heaven chooses a dimwitted, kindhearted, foul-mouthed carnival ride repairman to wage war on any demonic forces still bent on starting something come Judgment Day. Witness the results in ***Golly #1*** by *Phil Hester & Brook Turner.* (Aug)

Who better to combat a guerilla war than monkeys? As the Vietnam War continues to drag on, the U.S. decides to implement their new secret weapon—monkeys—in *Brahm Revel's* ***Guerillas.*** (Aug)

It's a monster mash-up! Or more specifically, an ***Image Monster Pile-Up.*** This special issue features four all-new

stories of ***Astounding Wolf-Man, Firebreather, Perhapanauts,*** and ***Proof,*** produced by the series' regular creative teams. (Aug)

*Mark Andrew Smith & Marcelo Dichiara* take a look at a disturbing plan to create a new generation of super-heroes in ***Kill All Parents #1.*** (Jun-Aug)

Two never-brought-to-justice serial killers—the Boston Strangler and the Zodiac Killer—settle into life in the Shady Lane Retirement Home in ***The Roberts,*** a two-part miniseries by *Wayne Chinsang & Erik Rose.* (Aug)

*Dwight L. MacPherson & Avery Butterworth* continue the dream exploits of Edgar Allan Poo in ***The Surreal Adventures of Edgar Allan Poo Book 2.*** (Aug)

Meet the kind of girl most parents adore in ***Vix,*** a three-part series by *Rantz A. Hosely & Matthew Humphries.* Smart and pretty, with a seemingly inexhaustible positive attitude. Why is it then, that she is haunted by vivid flashbacks of horrible things that never occurred? (Jun-Aug)

*Mark Millar* joins with artist *Tony Harris* to launch ***War Heroes,*** a new superhero series. What's it about? The series is set in an America not too far off from our own, where terrorism has scorched the Earth. A once great nation has shattered into a third world version of its previous self. When traditional tactics prove obsolete in this new country, America's military forces turn to the last weapon with any hope of success: superhumanity. (Jun-Aug)

## Kenzer and Company

Reality has struck. ***Knights of the Dinner Table: Last Man Standing*** is a one-shot by *Jolly Blackburn* dealing with a new game hitting Muncie—a live action game. Now, it is gamer vs. gamer as the paint-balls fly, and only one of them can be the last man standing. (Aug)

## Marvel

*Dan Slott & John Romita Jr.* introduce the new Anti-Venom in the six-part "New Ways to Die," which begins in ***Amazing Spider-Man #568.*** And in the first issue, *Mark Waid & Adi Granov* bring readers up to date with Original Venom, Eddie Brock! (Aug)

Want to learn more about Spidey's new world? Then ***Amazing Spider-Man: Brand New Day*** is the book for you! This 48-page special features three new stories by *Joe Kelly, Marc Guggenheim, & Zeb Wells,* each offering a deeper look into Spidey's new status quo. (Jul)

*Warren Ellis & Simone Bianchi* take over beginning with ***Astonishing X-Men #25...*** and they're ready to take the X-Men to the "Second Stage," as they get back to business with a new look, a new base of operations, and a new mystery to solve. (Jul)

The Skrull Kill Krew return in ***Avengers: The Initiative #16,*** courtesy of *Dan Slott, Christos Gage, & Stefano Caselli.* And they're ready to kill, maim, torture, and butcher every mother lovin' Skrull out there! (Aug)

It's Cap versus Cap for the future of the American Dream in *Ed Brubaker & Steve*

*Epting's* ***Captain America #40,*** as the Red Skull looks on in laughter! And we finally the true identity of the man behind the other mask! (Aug)

Acclaimed creators *Jeph Loeb & Tim Sale* reunite for an untold tale of Captain America and Bucky during WWII in ***Captain America: White***—and it begins with a special zero issue that presents an all new full story about the Origin of Bucky Barnes and how he came into Cap's life. (Jul)

***Dark Tower*** fans who'd like a road-map to the fantasy milieu in which the series is set will find just the ticket in ***Dark Tower: End-World Almanac,*** a guide to the Badlands, Le Casse Roi Russe and beyond. (Jul)

The Gods walk the Earth again in ***Eternals #1*** by *Charles Knauf, Daniel Knauf, & Daniel Acuna.* It begins with the return of the Eternals to the Marvel Universe. One of the Celestials now towers over Golden Gate Park, standing in judgment over the Earth... but does he bring the end of the world? (Jun-Aug)

The Fantastic Four leave the Marvelverse to venture into the world of fiction in ***Fantastic Four: True Story,*** a four-parter by *Paul Cornell & Horacio Dominguez.*

The Foolkiller takes on a clandestine hate-crime organization known as the White Angels in ***Foolkiller: Short Time,*** a five-issue miniseries by *Gregg Hurwitz & Paul Azaceta.* (Jul-Aug)

Danny Ketch is back in ***Ghost Rider #26*** by *Jason Aaron & Tan Eng Huat.* But whose side is the former Ghost Rider on, and what familiar faces has he brought with him to the party? (Aug)

*Richard Corben,* who contorted the fiction of *Edgar Allan Poe* in a prior miniseries, offers his twisted take on the work of *Howard Phillips Lovecraft* in ***Haunt of Horror: Lovecraft,*** a three-issue miniseries. (Aug)

*Simon Spurrier & Eric Nguyen* explore the history and the mythos of ***Newuniversal*** in ***Newuniversal: Conqueror.*** Five thousand years ago, civilization was held in the mighty hand of the slayer called Starr, who defended his kingdom from all invaders. But what were these invaders? Simple monsters...or something more? (Aug)

How did the world of ***newuniversal*** change so radically? It all began almost fifty years ago... and you can see what happened in ***newuniversal: 1959,*** a 48-page oneshot by *Kieron Gillen & Greg Scott. (Jul)*

NYX return in ***NYX: No Way Home,*** a new six-part series by *Marjorie Liu & Kalman Andrasofszky.* The series focuses on young mutant Kiden Nixon, who's survived the hard streets of Manhattan to build a home and a family for herself. But with fewer than 200 mutants left on the planet, Kiden's become a target... (Aug)

Patsy Walker joins the Initiative in the five-part ***Patsy Walker, Hellcat—Agent of the Initiative*** by *Kathryn Immonen & David LaFuente.* Her assignment? Alaska! (Jul-Aug)

Garth Ennis concludes his epic run in ***Punisher #60,*** which also contains an eight-page preview of ***Punisher #61,*** the first issue by the new creative team of *Gregg Hurwitz & Laurence Campbell. (Aug)*

*Terry Moore & Humberto Ramos* launch a whole new era for the teen children of villainous parents in ***Runaways #1,*** as the Runaways run back to Los Angeles with your favorite teen heroes. But it's not the same city they left so long ago... (Aug)

Things are looking bad for planet Earth in *Brian Bendis & Leinil Yu's* ***Secret Invasion #4.*** The Skrulls have taken control of the planet, and the Avengers and Initiative are scattered...but there are two people who want some answers. (Jul)

*Embrace change.* With these two words the Skrull Empire declares their intentions to the entire Marvel Universe. And readers will learn what those intentions are in ***Secret Invasion #5*** by *Brian Bendis & Leinil Yu. (Aug)*

The hunt for Black Bolt begins in ***Secret Invasion: Inhumans,*** a four-part limited series by *Joe Pokaski & Tom Raney.* He was replaced by the Skrulls in ***New Avengers: Illuminati;*** now it's time to find out if the Inhumans' former king is dead or alive! (Aug)

We know where Spidey is during ***Secret Invasion***—but what about the rest of his Brand New Day cast? Find out what how they deal with the Skrull invasion in ***Secret Invasion: Spider-Man—Brand New Day #1*** by *Brian Reed & Marco Santucci. (Aug)*

The Skrulls are heading for Asgard, and they've got the gods in their sights! To stop their assault, Thor will have to turn to one of his oldest and closest allies...Beta Ray Bill! See the Skrulls face off against dual hammer-wielders in ***Secret Invasion: Thor #1*** by *Matt Fraction & Doug Braithwaite.* (Aug)

It's aliens vs. mutants as the Skrull Invasion hits the West Coast in ***Secret Invasion: X-Men #1*** by *Mike Carey & Cary Nord.* The Skrulls have something very special prepared for Cyclops and his army when they find them at their new home. (Aug)

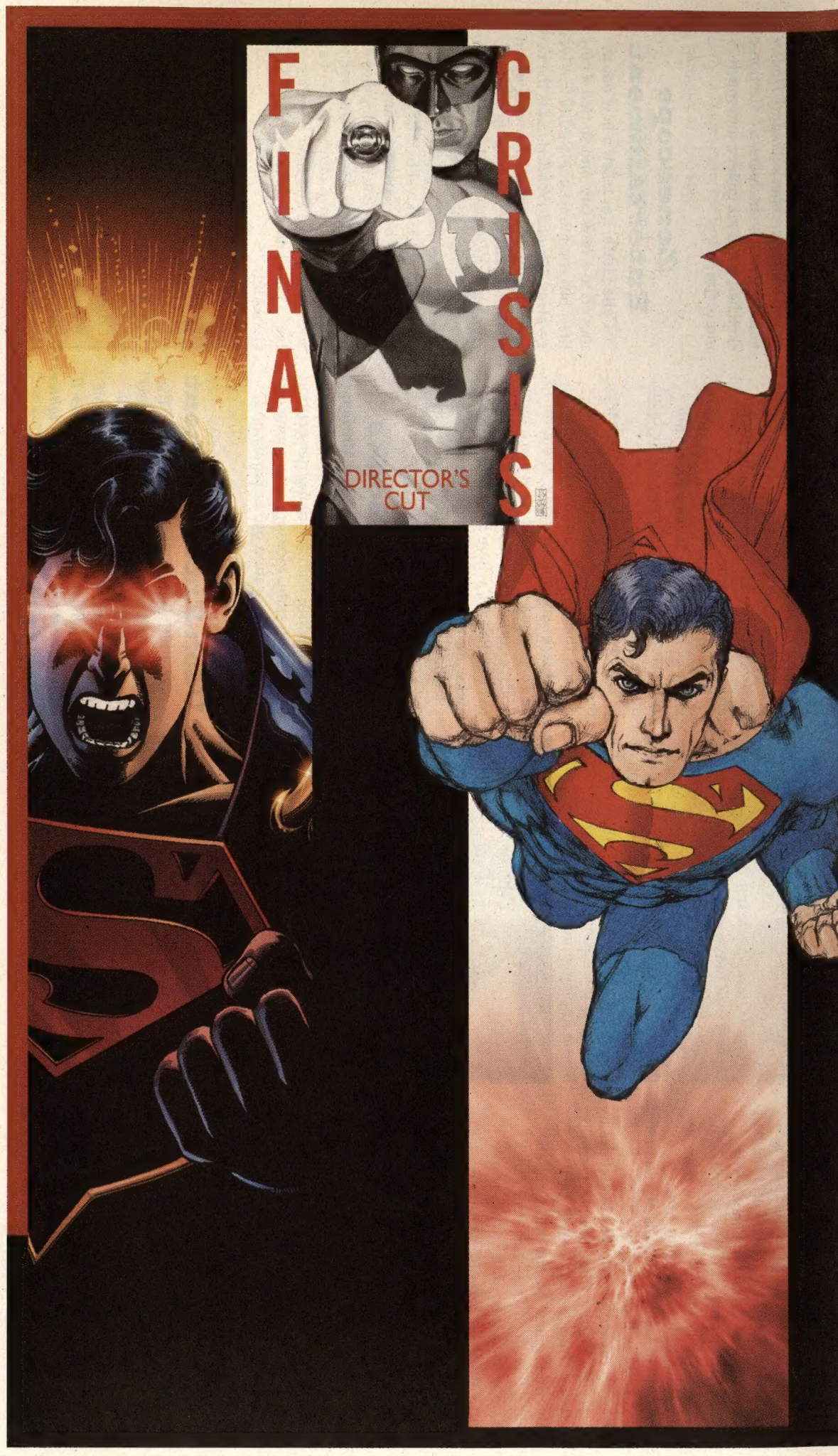
***World War Hulk***'s aftermath continues in ***Skaar: Son of Hulk,*** a new series by *Greg Pak & Ron Garney.* On an alien planet shattered by war, no one is stronger than Skaar, the savage Son of Hulk. But as a Fillian warlord, an Imperial princess, and a mysterious Earthman spread chaos through the wastelands, will Skaar save the puny survivors -- or eat them? (Jun-Aug)

What happens when the Skrulls decide to impersonate Marvel's all-kids superhero team? You'll find out in ***Skrulls Vs. Power Pack,*** a four-parter by *Fred Van Lente & Cory Hamscher. (Aug)*

*Terry Moore & Craig Rousseau* relaunch Mary Jane's solo series with the relaunch of ***Spider-Man Loves Mary Jane.*** (Aug)

Marvel features a pair of out-of-continuity Spidey tales in ***Spider-Man Summer Special.*** (Aug)

The Squadron Supreme returns under the direction of *Howard Chaykin & Marco Turini* in ***Squadron Supreme 2 #1.*** After their apocalyptic battle with Redstone, and after their terrifying fight with the Ultimate Universe, the Squadron Supreme's dream has become a nightmare. While mankind struggles to rebuild, new heroes appear—and Nick Fury,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